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Chief Executive of Pakistan. Prime Minister also assured the Chief Executive of India's continuing desire to build good neighbourly relations with Pakistan.

(c) India has time and again reiterated its commitment to resume the Composite Dialogue, which was put in place at India's initiative. An appropriate environment is an obvious requirement for a meaningful dialogue. Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, stepped up following its military defeat at Kargil in 1999, has not permitted the creation of such an environment. Government is of the view that the Simla Agreement and Lahore Declaration remain as the cornerstones of Indo Pakistan bilateral relations.

ESI hospitals in Tirupati and Nizamabad

*35. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has approached the Central Government to advise the ESI Corporation to hand over the buildings to the State for commissioning ESI hospitals in Tirupati and Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether such buildings have already been completed in all respects and how many such buildings are ready for handing over to the State Government; and

(c) by when all the buildings are expected to be handed over to the State Government to provide medical facilities to workers and their families?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The work relating to construction of the ESI hospitals at Tirupati and Nizamabad has been completed and buildings handed over to State Govt, of Andhra Pradesh after which the hospital at Tirupati has been commissioned by the Govt, of Andhra Pradesh from 8.7.99 and the hospital at Nizamabad from 29.12.2000.